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The Honorable Philip M Crane Chairman Subcommittee on Trade of the Committee on Ways and Means

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Dear Congressman Crane,

It has come to our attention that an application (HR 4495) has been made to amend Subchapter II of chapter 99 of the Harmonized Tariff Schedule of the United States by inserting in numerical sequence the following new headline: 9902.32.08 Copper, [29H, 31H-phthalocyaninato(2-)-N29, N30, N31, N32]-, aminosulfonyl sulfo derivatives (CAS No. 80146-12-9) (provided for in subheading 3204.14.50), as temporarily duty free.

On behalf of Clariant Corporation I would like to strongly object to duty suspension on this chemical. Clariant has been making, and continues to make, this product in our Martin facility in South Carolina. The product is of significant importance and suspension of duty would severely impact our facility. As manufacturers, we would therefore request that this application for duty be denied.

Yours truly,

Dan Packer (Technical Director, TLP Division)